

### Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A method for producing an epoxy group-containing silicon compound, which comprises condensing at least one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound ~~per se~~ represented by the general formula (1a):  $R_{1a}Si(OR_2)_3$ , wherein  $R_{1a}$  denotes a substituent having an epoxy group and  $R_2$  denotes an alkyl group having at most 4 carbons, in a solvent selected from the group consisting of dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, tetrahydrofuran, methyl ethyl ketone, and methyl isobutyl ketone in the presence of a basic catalyst.

11. (Currently amended) A method for producing an epoxy group-containing silicon compound, which comprises condensing at least one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1a):  $R_{1a}Si(OR_2)_3$ , wherein  $R_{1a}$  denotes a substituent having an epoxy group and  $R_2$  denotes an alkyl group having at most 4 carbons, and at least one substituted alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1b):  $R_{1b}Si(OR_3)_3$ , wherein  $R_{1b}$  denotes an alkyl group having at most 10 carbons, an aryl group or an unsaturated aliphatic residue and  $R_3$  denotes an alkyl group having at most 4

carbons, in a solvent selected from the group consisting of dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, tetrahydrofuran, methyl ethyl ketone, and methyl isobutyl ketone in the presence of a basic catalyst.

12. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 10 or 11, wherein  $R_{1a}$  is a glycidoxy(C1-C3)alkyl group or an alkyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group of 5-8 carbons having an oxirane group in each of said at least one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1a).

13. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 11, wherein  $R_{1b}$  is an alkyl group having at most 6 carbons or an aryl group in each of said at least one substituted alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1b).

14. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 11, wherein  $R_{1a}$  is a glycidoxy(C1-C3)alkyl group or an alkyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group of 5-8 carbons having an oxirane group in each of said at least one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1a), and wherein  $R_{1b}$  is an alkyl group having at most 6 carbons or an aryl group in each of said at least one substituted alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1b).